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# SECTION B SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES/COSTS

### B. 1 Contract Definition

The Department of Education's Streamlined Acquisition Tool (ED-SAT) is a collection of pools of blanket purchase agreements (BPAs). Each pool of BPAs represents a recurring need of the Department, and BPAs will be awarded to a number of vendors within each pool. Once the pools are in place, individual requirements will be competed among the vendors in the appropriate pool. All work is issued through fixed price purchase orders.

### B. 2 301-24a PRICING SCHEDULE (APRIL 1997)

The prices for services set forth in the Pricing Schedule shall apply for payment purposes for all quantities acquired under this contract. The Contractor may not charge the Government for any services associated with this contract at any prices or rates other than those specified in the Pricing Schedule.

# SECTION C DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

### C. 1 302-2 SCOPE OF WORK (FEBRUARY 1985)

The contractor shall furnish all personnel, materials, services, and facilities necessary to perform the requirements set forth in the Statement of Work, Attachment A . This shall also be done in accordance with the specified General and Special Provisions and the contractor's final technical proposal, which are hereby incorporated by reference as a part of the contract.

# SECTION D PACKAGING AND MARKING

- D. 1 303-1 SHIPMENT AND MARKING (MARCH 1986)
- (a) The contract number shall be placed on or adjacent to all exterior mailing or shipping labels of deliverable items called for by the contract. (b) Ship deliverable items to: the address specified in the individual purchase order. (c) Mark deliverables for: the addressee specified in the individual purchase order.
- D. 2 303-2 F.O.B. DESTINATION (MARCH 1986)

All deliverables shall be shipped on an F.O.B. Destination basis. The point for that shall be the delivery point otherwise specified under this section.

D. 3 303-4 PACKING (MAR 1986)

Preservation, packing and packaging of items for shipment shall be in accordance with commercial practice and adequate for acceptance by common carrier for safe transportation at the most economical rates.

# SECTION E INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

## E. 1 304-1 INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE (FEBRUARY 1985)

Pursuant to the inspection clause, Section I, final inspection and acceptance of all contracted items shall be made by the Contracting Officer.

# SECTION F DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

### F. 1 Period of Performance

The base period of performance for this blanket purchase agreement will be twenty-four (24) months. At the discretion of the Contracting Officer charged with administration of the pool to which this BPA belongs, and consistent with the annual review required by FAR 13.303-6(b), this BPA can be extended indefinitely in one-year increments beyond the base period of performance.

Purchase orders issued under this blanket purchase agreement have a maximum period of performance of five (5) years. In circumstances where specific statutory authority allows for an extension of the period of performance, purchase orders issued under this BPA may be extended, consistent with the policies and procedures that govern such extensions. Any purchase order issued under this blanket purchase agreement must be issued prior to the last day of the period of performance for the base BPA.

# SECTION G CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

- G. 1 306-la INVOICE AND CONTRACT FINANCING REQUESTS SUBMISSION (ALTERNATE I) (JAN 2007)
- (A) Payments shall be rendered in accordance with the payments clause(s) of the incorporated contract clause section and with those otherwise specified rated or fixed price amounts. (B) The contractor shall submit invoices electronically as an attachment to a message to OCFOCAMINVOICING@ED.GOV. The subject area of the message shall contain the invoice number, contract number, and contract specialist's name. The electronic copy of the invoice shall be in a format that is supported by Microsoft Office (Microsoft Word or Excel), or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf).
- G. 2 306-2 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY (JANUARY 1989)
- (A) The contractor shall request written authorization from the contracting officer before acquiring any contractually necessary property to which the Government will have title. The request shall include complete descriptions of all individual items which will exceed \$1,000 in cost, including:
- (a) a brief statement of function;
- (b) manufacturer and manufacturer's brand name, model or part number;
- (c) vendor and its proposed price;
- (B) Management of government property in the possession of the contractor shall be in accordance with FAR Part 45. The contractor shall provide an annual report of total property acquisition cost, as required by FAR 45.505-14.
- G. 3 306-5 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) (FEB 2006)
- (a) The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) is responsible for the technical aspects of the project, technical liaison with the Contractor, and any other responsibilities that are specified in the contract. These responsibilities include inspecting all deliverables, including reports, and recommending acceptance or rejection to the Contracting Officer. (b) The COR is not authorized to make any commitments or otherwise obligate the Government or authorize any changes which affect the contract price, terms or conditions. Any contractor requests for changes shall be submitted in writing directly to the Contracting Officer or through the COR. No such changes shall be made without the written authorization of the Contracting Officer. (c) The COR's name and address: Specified in each individual purchase order. The COR may be changed by the Government at any time, but notification of the change, including the name and address of the successor COR, will be provided to the Contractor by the Contracting Officer in writing.
- G. 4 306-8 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR (FEB 1985)

The Contractor shall designate one individual to be contacted during the period of the contract for prompt contract administration.

# SECTION H SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

#### H. 1 301-20 PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (FEB 1995)

The contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 including Section 302, which provides that:

"No individual shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of any place of public accommodation by any person who owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation."

Failure to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, shall be considered a failure to comply with the terms of this contract.

### H. 2 307-13 DEPARTMENT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS (JUNE 2006)

The Contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with Department Security policy requirements as set forth in: A. The Statement of Work of this contract; 93-579, U.S.C. 552a); C. The U.S. Department of Education B. The Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. C. The U. S. Department of Education Handbook for Information Assurance Security Policy, OCIO-01 (March 2006); and D. The U.S. Department of Education Departmental Directive OM:5-101, "Contractor Employee Personnel Security Screenings." The Contractor may request copies of the above referenced documents by contacting the Contract Specialist via phone at Specified in each individual purchase order. or via e-mail at Specified in each . Contractor employee positions required under this contract and their individual purchase order. designated risk levels: High Risk (HR): Specified in each individual purchase order. Moderate Risk (MR): Specified in each individual purchase order. Low Risk (LR): Specified in each individual purchase order. All contractor employees must undergo personnel security screening if they will be employed for thirty (30) days or more, in accordance with Departmental Directive OM:5-101, "Contractor Employee Personnel Screenings." The type of screening and the timing of the screening will depend upon the nature of the contractor position, the type of data to be accessed, and the type of information technology (IT) system access required. Personnel security screenings will be commensurate with the risk and magnitude of harm the individual could cause. The contractor shall: - Ensure that all non-U.S. citizen contractor employees are lawful permanent residents of the United States or have appropriate work authorization documents as required by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Appeals, to work in - Ensure that no employees are assigned to High Risk designated States. positions prior to a completed preliminary screening. - Submit all required personnel security forms to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) within 24 hours of an assignment to a Department contract and ensure that the forms are complete. - Ensure that no contractor employee position than that for which he or she was previously approved, is placed in a higher risk without the approval of the Contracting Officer or his or her representative, the Department Computer Security Officer. - Ensure that all contractor Personnel Security Officer, and the employees occupying High Risk designated positions submit forms for reinvestigation every five the duration of the contract or if there is a break in service to a (5) years for Department contract of 365 days or more. - Report to the COR all instances of individuals seeking to obtain unauthorized access to any departmental IT system, or sensitive but unclassified and/or Privacy Act protected information. - Report to the COR any information that a contractor employee's eligibility for continued employment or raises an issue as to whether access to Department IT systems, or sensitive but unclassified and/or Privacy Act protected information, promotes the efficiency of the service or violates the public trust. Withdraw from consideration under the contract any employee receiving an unfavorable adjudication determination. - Officially notify each contractor employee if he or she will no longer work on a Department contract. - Abide by the requirements in Departmental Directive "Contractor Employee Personnel Screenings." Further information including definitions of terms used in this clause and a list of required investigative forms for each risk designation are contained in Departmental Directive OM:5-101, "Contractor Employee Personnel Screenings." Failure to comply with the contractor personnel security requirements may result in a termination of the contract for default.

## H. 3 307-17 CONFLICT OF INTEREST (AUG 2007)

- (A) The contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant, has certified that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational or personal conflict of interest, (see FAR Subpart 9.5 for organizational conflicts of interest), (or apparent conflict of interest) for the organization or any of its staff, and that the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has disclosed all such relevant information if such a conflict of interest appears to exist to a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts (or if such a person would question the impartiality of the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant). Conflicts may arise in the following situations:
- 1. Unequal access to information a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has access to non-public information through its performance on a government contract.
- 2. Biased ground rules a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has worked, in

one government contract, or program, on the basic structure or ground rules of another government contract.

- 3. Impaired objectivity a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant, or member of their immediate family (spouse, parent or child) has financial or other interests that would impair, or give the appearance of impairing, impartial judgment in the evaluation of government programs, in offering advice or recommendations to the government, or in providing technical assistance or other services to recipients of Federal funds as part of its contractual responsibility.

  "Impaired objectivity" includes but is not limited to the following situations that would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts to question a person's objectivity:

   financial interests or reasonably foreseeable financial interests in or in connection with products, property, or services that may be purchased by an educational agency, a person, organization, or institution in the course of implementing any program administered by the Department;

   significant connections to teaching methodologies that might require or encourage the use of specific products, property or services; or

   significant identification with pedagogical or philosophical viewpoints that might require or
- significant identification with pedagogical or philosophical viewpoints that might require or encourage the use of a specific curriculum, specific products, property or services.

  Offerors must provide the disclosure described above on any actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) of interest regardless of their opinion that such a conflict or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) would not impair their objectivity.
- In a case in which an actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) is disclosed, the Department will take appropriate actions to eliminate or address the actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest), including but not limited to mitigating or neutralizing the conflict, when appropriate, through such means as ensuring a balance of views, disclosure with the appropriate disclaimers, or by restricting or modifying the work to be performed to avoid or reduce the conflict. In this clause, the term "potential conflict" means reasonably foreseeable conflict of interest. (B) The contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant agrees that if "impaired objectivity", or an actual or potential conflict of interest (or apparent conflict of interest) is discovered after the award is made, it will make a full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer. This disclosure shall include a description of actions that the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Contracting Officer, to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest).
- (C) Remedies The Government may terminate this contract for convenience, in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. If the Contractor was aware of a potential conflict of interest prior to award or discovered an actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) after award and did not disclose or misrepresented relevant information to the Contracting Officer, the Government may terminate the contract for default, or pursue such other remedies as may be permitted by law or this contract. These remedies include imprisonment for up to five years for violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1001 and fines of up to \$5000 for violation of Title 31, U.S. Code, Section 3802. Further remedies include suspension or debarment from contracting with the federal government. The Contractor may also be required to reimburse the Department for costs the Department incurs arising from activities related to conflicts of interest. An example of such costs would be those incurred in processing Freedom of Information Act requests related to a conflict of interest.
- (D) In cases where remedies short of termination have been applied, the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant agrees to eliminate the organizational conflict of interest, or mitigate it to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer.
   (E) The Contractor further agrees to insert in any subcontract or consultant agreement hereunder,
- (E) The Contractor further agrees to insert in any subcontract or consultant agreement hereunder, provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including specific mention of potential remedies and this paragraph (E).
- H. 4 307-2 KEY PERSONNEL DESIGNATION (MARCH 1985)

In accordance with the contract clause entitled "Key Personnel", the following key personnel are considered to be essential to the work being performed: Specified in each individual purchase order.

H. 5 307-3 DUAL COMPENSATION (MARCH 1985)

If a project staff member, subcontractor, or consultant is involved in two or more projects, at least one of which is supported by Federal funds, he/she may not be compensated for more than 100 percent of his/her time during any part of the period of dual involvement. That is, an individual is prohibited from receiving double payment for any given period of work.

H. 6 307-8 PAYMENT OF PRINTING TO BE PERFORMED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE (APRIL 1992)

The General Provisions of this contract set forth the Department's policy regarding printing to be performed in order to meet the terms of the contract. Should the services of the Government Printing Office (GPO) be required, the contractor shall request to the Department of Education to requisition those, subject to the contractor's provision of a completed SF-1, Printing and Binding Requisition to the Public Printer. Payment to the GPO shall be made directly by the Department and charged to the Contract.

- H. 7 308-2 RESEARCH ACTIVITIES INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS (March 1999)
- (a) Any research activities under this contract involving human

subjects are governed by Department of Education (ED) regulations for the protection of human subjects in research, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97. Part 97 requires the contractor, subcontractors and any other entities involved in covered research activities to establish and maintain procedures for the protection of human subjects. The definitions in 34 CFR 97.102 apply to this clause. As used in this clause, "covered research" means research involving human subjects that is not exempt under 34 CFR 97.101(b) and 34 CFR 97.401(b). The requirements at Part 97 apply to all entities involved in covered research under this contract. The requirements of this clause apply to the Contractor, regardless of which entity performs the covered research. The contractor shall comply with Part 97 and shall ensure that each entity involved in covered research activities complies with Part 97.

- (b) The Contractor agrees that the rights and welfare of human subjects involved in research under this contract shall be protected in accordance with 34 CFR Part 97 and with the Contractor's current Assurance of Compliance on file with ED or the Office for Protection from Research Risks, Department of Health and Human Services.
- (c) Under no condition shall the Contractor conduct, or allow to be conducted, any covered research activity involving human subjects prior to the Department's receipt of the Certification that the research has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) [34 CFR 97.103(f)]. No covered research involving human subjects shall be initiated under this contract until the Contractor has provided the Contracting Officer (or the Contracting Officer's designee) a properly completed Certification form certifying IRB review and approval of the research activity, and the Contracting Officer or designee has received the Certification. This restriction applies to the activities of each participating entity.
- (d) In accordance with 34 CFR 97.109(e), an IRB must conduct continuing reviews of covered research activities at intervals appropriate to the degree of risk, but no less than once a year. Covered research activities that are expected to last one year

or more are therefore subject to review by an IRB at least once

- (1) For each covered activity under this contract that requires continuing review, the contractor shall submit an annual written representation to the Contracting Officer (or the Contracting Officer's designee) stating whether covered research activities have been reviewed and approved by an IRB within the previous 12 months. The contractor may use Optional Form 310 for this representation. For multi-institutional projects, the contractor shall provide this information on its behalf and on behalf of any other entity engaged in covered research activities for which continuing IRB reviews are required.
- (2) If the IRB disapproves, suspends, terminates or requires modification of any covered research activities under this contract, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer in writing of the IRB's action.
- (e) The Contractor shall bear full responsibility for performing as safely as is feasible all activities under this contract involving the use of human subjects and for complying with all applicable regulations and requirements concerning human subjects. No one (neither the Contractor, nor any subcontractor, agent or employee of the Contractor, nor any other person or organization, institution, or group of any kind whatsoever)

involved in the performance of such activities shall be deemed to constitute an agent or employee of the Department or Education or of the Federal Government with respect to such activities.

The Contractor agrees to discharge its obligations, duties, and undertakings and the work pursuant thereto, whether requiring

without imputing liability on the part of the Government for the acts of the Contractor and its employees.

professional judgement or otherwise, as an independent Contractor

(f) Upon discovery of any noncompliance with any of the requirements or standards stated in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) above, the Contractor shall immediately correct the deficiency. If at any time during performance of this contract, the Contracting Officer determines, in consultation with the Protection of Human Subjects Coordinator, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, or the sponsoring office, that the Contractor is not in compliance with any of the requirements or standards stated in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) above, the Contracting Officer may immediately suspend, in whole or in part, work and

further payments under this contract until the Contractor corrects such noncompliance. Notice of the suspension may be communicated by telephone and confirmed in writing.

(g) The Government may terminate this contract, in full or in part, for failure to fully comply with any regulation or requirement related to human subjects involved in research. Such termination may be in lieu of or in addition to suspension of work or payment. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the Government's right to terminate the contract for failure to fully comply with such requirements.

(End of clause)

#### H. 8 316-1 ACCESSIBILITY OF SOFTWARE (OCTOBER 1999)

The Department of Education (ED) considers universal accessibility to information a priority for all its employees and external customers, including individuals with disabilities. Under Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. sections 794 and 794d, as amended), ED must ensure the accessibility of its programs and activities, specifically its obligation to acquire and use accessible electronic and information technology. ED maintains the manual, "Requirements for Accessible Software Design," to convey the accessibility

needs of the Department to the developers and suppliers of computer applications. To comply with the provisions of this clause, the contractor may use the edition of the ED manual "Requirements for Accessible Software Design" in effect at the date of award of this contract or any more recent edition. A copy of the most recent edition of the manual may be found at

- http://www.ed.gov/fund/contract/apply/clibrary/software.html
  (a) Software delivered to or developed for ED--Except as provided in paragraph (b) or (c) of this clause, all software delivered to or developed for ED, under this contract, for use by ED's employees or external customers must meet all the requirements of the ED manual "Requirements for Accessible Software Design." However, in accordance with paragraph (c) of this clause, the contracting officer may waive a particular requirement of the ED Manual, provided that ED's use of the software will meet the requirements of Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. sections 794 and 794d, as amended).
  - (b) Software enhanced or modified for ED--Any enhancements and other modifications, made under this contract to software for use by ED's employees or external customers, are subject to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause, regardless of where or how the software was first developed. Except as otherwise specified elsewhere in

the contract schedule, the contractor is only required to ensure that enhancements or modifications (not other, preexisting features or components) of the software fully comply with the accessibility requirements of paragraph (a). However, the contractor is encouraged point out any preexisting features or components that do not meet accessibility requirements and to suggest solutions to ensure the software complies.

- Waiver of requirements -- It is recognized that new (c) technologies may provide solutions that are not envisioned in or consistent with the provisions of the manual "Requirements for Accessible Software Design." Also, compliance with certain requirements of the manual may not be feasible for the particular software required. In such extraordinary circumstances, the contracting officer may grant a waiver, in writing, to any requirement of the manual or of this clause if it furthers a public interest of ED and will not significantly impair ED's ability to ensure accessibility of its programs and activities to all its employees and external customers, including individuals with disabilities. To request a waiver, the contractor shall notify the contracting officer in writing, listing the specific accessibility requirements that would not be met and explaining how the accessibility of a particular feature can be achieved by alternative means or why it is not feasible to make a feature of the software accessible. (d) Condition of payment--The contractor agrees that compliance
- (d) Condition of payment--The contractor agrees that compliance with the provisions of this clause upon delivery of the software to ED is a condition of payment under this contract.

### H. 9 317-1 ACCOMMODATION/ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE DISABLED (OCTOBER 1999)

The acquisition and management of Federal Information Processing (FIP) resources shall be conducted in a manner that ensures access to computer and telecommunications products and services by all individuals, both federal employees and the public sector, including individuals with disabilities. The acquisition,

management and utilization of FIP resources are subject to the computer accommodation and information accessibility for individuals with disabilities contained in Section 508 of the the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-220; Telecommunications Act of 1996, P.L. 104-104 February 1996, 110 Stat. 56; and in the Telecommunications Accessibility Enhancement Act, P.L. 100-542 October 1988.

FIP resources required under this contract include computer accommodation and information accessibility where the goal is to ensure full access, integration, and continuity of support to all individuals, including individuals with disabilities.

"Computer accommodation" means the acquisition or modification of FIP resources to minimize the functional limitations of individuals with disabilities so as to promote productivity and provide access to work-related or public information resources. "Individuals with disabilities" are individuals with limitations of vision, hearing, speech and/or mobility.

The contractor shall ensure that FIP resources are equally provided to all individuals, including individuals with disabilities.

### H. 10 3452.243-70 KEY PERSONNEL (AUG 1987)

The personnel designated as key personnel in this contract are considered to be essential to the work being performed hereunder. Prior to diverting any of the specified individuals to other programs, or otherwise substituting any other personnel for specified personnel, the contractor shall notify the contracting officer reasonably in advance and shall submit justification (including proposed substitutions) in sufficient detail to permit evaluation of the impact on the contract effort. No diversion or substitution shall be made by the contractor without written consent of the contracting officer; provided, that the contracting officer may ratify a diversion or substitution in writing and that ratification shall constitute the consent of the contracting officer required by this clause. The contractor shall be modified to reflect that addition or deletion personnel.

(End of clause)

### H. 11 52.224-1 PRIVACY ACT NOTIFICATION (APR 1984)

The Contractor will be required to design, develop, or operate a system of records on individuals, to accomplish an agency function subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-579, December 31, 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and applicable agency regulations. Violation of the Act may involve the imposition of criminal penalties.

(End of Clause)

#### H. 12 52.224-2 PRIVACY ACT (APR 1984)

- (a) The Contractor agrees to--
- (1) Comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (the Act) and the agency rules and regulations issued under the Act in the design, development, or operation of any system of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function when the contract specifically identifies--
  - (i) The systems of records; and
  - (ii) The design, development, or operation work that the contractor is to perform;
- (2) Include the Privacy Act notification contained in this contract in every solicitation and resulting subcontract and in every subcontract awarded without a solicitation, when the work statement in the proposed subcontract requires the redesign, development, or operation of a system of records on individuals that is subject to the Act; and
- (3) Include this clause, including this paragraph (3), in all subcontracts awarded under this contract which requires the design, development, or operation of such a system of records.
- (b) In the event of violations of the Act, a civil action may be brought against the agency involved when the violation concerns the design, development, or operation of a system of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function, and criminal penalties may be imposed upon the officers or employees of the agency when the violation concerns the operation of a system of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function. For purposes of the Act, when the contract is for the operation of a system of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function, the Contractor is considered to be an employee of the agency.

  (c)
- (1) "Operation of a system of records," as used in this clause, means performance of any of the activities associated with maintaining the system of records, including the collection, use, and dissemination of records.
- dissemination of records.

  (2) "Record," as used in this clause, means any item, collection, or grouping of information about an individual that is maintained by an agency, including, but not limited to, education, financial transactions, medical history, and criminal or employment history and that contains the person''s name, or the identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as a fingerprint or voiceprint or a photograph.
- (3) "System of records on individuals," as used in this clause, means a group of any records under the control of any agency from which information is retrieved by the name of the individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual.

(End of Clause)

H. 13 52.239-1 PRIVACY OR SECURITY SAFEGUARDS (AUG 1996)

- (a) The Contractor shall not publish or disclose in any manner, without the Contracting Officer''s written consent, the details of any safeguards either designed or developed by the Contractor under this contract or otherwise provided by the Government.
- (b) To the extent required to carry out a program of inspection to safeguard against threats and hazards to the security, integrity, and confidentiality of Government data, the Contractor shall afford the Government access to the Contractor''s facilities, installations, technical capabilities, operations, documentation, records, and databases.
- (c) If new or unanticipated threats or hazards are discovered by either the Government or the Contractor, of if existing safeguards have ceased to function, the discoverer shall immediately bring the situation to the attention of the other party.

(End of Clause)

#### 52.204-7 CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (APR 2008) н. 14

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause--

"Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database" means the primary Government repository for Contractor information required for the conduct of business with the Government.

"Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number" means the 9-digit number assigned by Dun and

Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to identify unique business entities.

"Data Universal Numbering System +4 (DUNS+4) number" means the DUNS number assigned by D&B plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned by a business concern. (D&B has no affiliation with this 4-character suffix.) This 4-character suffix may be assigned at the discretion of the business concern to establish additional CCR records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see the FAR at Subpart 32.11) for the same concern.

"Registered in the CCR database" means that--

- (1) The Contractor has entered all mandatory information, including the DUNS number or the DUNS+4 number, into the CCR database; and
- (2) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields, to include validation of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and has marked the record "Active". The Contractor will be required to provide consent for TIN validation to the Government as a part of the CCR registration process.

(b) (1) By submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the CCR database prior to award, during performance, and through final payment of any contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchasing agreement resulting from this solicitation.

- (2) The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "DUNS" or "DUNS +4" followed by the DUNS or DUNS +4 number that identifies the offeror''s name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The DUNS number will be used by the Contracting Officer to verify that the offeror is registered in the CCR database.

  (c) If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to
- obtain one.
  - (1) An offeror may obtain a DUNS number--
- (i) Via the Internet at http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform or if the offeror does not have internet access, it may call Dun and Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711 if located within the United States; or
- (ii) If located outside the United States, by contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office. The offeror should indicate that it is an offeror the a U.S. Government contract when contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.
  - (2) The offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:
    - (i) Company legal business.
    - (ii) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.
    - (iii) Company Physical Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code.
    - (iv) Company Mailing Address, City, State and Zip Code (if separate from physical).
    - (v) Company Telephone Number.
    - (vi) Date the company was started.
    - (vii) Number of employees at your location.
    - (viii) Chief executive officer/key manager.
    - (ix) Line of business (industry).
  - (x) Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).(d) If the Offeror does not become registered in the CCR database in the time prescribed by the
- Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer will proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered Offeror.
- (e) Processing time, which normally takes 48 hours, should be taken into consideration when registering. Offerors who are not registered should consider applying for registration immediately upon receipt of this solicitation.
- (f) The Contractor is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the data within the CCR database, and for any liability resulting from the Government''s reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. To remain registered in the CCR database after the initial registration, the Contractor is required to review and update on an annual basis from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates its information in the CCR database to ensure it is current, accurate and complete. Updating information in the CCR does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document.

(g) (1)

(i) If a Contractor has legally changed its business name, "doing business as" name, or division

name (whichever is shown on the contract), or has transferred the assets used in performing the contract, but has not completed the necessary requirements regarding novation and change-of-name agreements in Subpart 42.12, the Contractor shall provide the responsible Contracting Officer a minimum of one business day's written notification of its intention to

(A) change the name in the CCR database;

(B) comply with the requirements of Subpart 42.12 of the FAR; and
(C) agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting
Officer. The Contractor must provide with the notification sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.

- (ii) If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (g)(1)(i) of this clause, or fails to perform the agreement at paragraph (g)(1)(i)(C) of this clause, and, in the absence of a properly executed novation or change-of-name agreement, the CCR information that shows the Contractor to be other than the Contractor indicated in the contract will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of Payment" paragraph of the electronic funds transfer (EFT) clause of this contract.
- (2) The Contractor shall not change the name or address for EFT payments or manual payments, as appropriate, in the CCR record to reflect an assignee for the purpose of assignment of claims (see FAR Subpart 32.8, Assignment of Claims). Assignees shall be separately registered in the CCR database. Information provided to the Contractor's CCR record that indicates payments, including those made by EFT, to an ultimate recipient other than that Contractor will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of payment" paragraph of the EFT clause of this contract.
- (h) Offerors and Contractors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via the internet at http://www.ccr.gov or by calling 1-888-227-2423, or 269-961-5757.

(End of Clause)

#### н. 15 REDACTED PROPOSALS

The contractor shall provide a redacted copy of its successful technical proposal for the original contract and any awarded purchase orders to the Contracting Officer within five (5) days after contract or purchase order award. The redacted proposal shall be submitted in an electronic format that is readable by Microsoft Office applications or Adobe Acrobat reader (.pdf).

- H. 16 52.203-14 DISPLAY OF HOTLINE POSTER(S) (DEC 2007)
  - (a) Definition.

"United States," as used in this clause, means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying

(b) Display of fraud hotline poster(s). Except as provided in paragraph (c)--

- (1) During contract performance in the United States, the Contractor shall prominently display in common work areas within business segments performing work under this contract and at contract work
- (i) Any agency fraud hotline poster or Department of Homeland Security (DHS) fraud hotline poster identified in paragraph (b)(3) of this clause; and
  - (ii) Any DHS fraud hotline poster subsequently identified by the Contracting Officer.
- (2) Additionally, if the Contractor maintains a company website as a method of providing information to employees, the Contractor shall display an electronic version of the poster(s) at the
  - (3) Any required posters may be obtained as follows:

Poster Info #1:

Obtain From Info #1:

Poster Info #2:

Obtain From Info #2:

- (c) If the Contractor has implemented a business ethics and conduct awareness program, including a reporting mechanism, such as a hotline poster, then the Contractor need not display any agency fraud hotline posters as required in paragraph (b) of this clause, other than any required DHS posters. (d) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this
- paragraph (d), in all subcontracts that exceed \$5,000,000, except when the subcontract-
  - (1) Is for the acquisition of a commercial item; or
  - (2) Is performed entirely outside the United States.

(End of clause)

### 52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (AUG 1989)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. These rates may be adjusted only as a result of revisions to prevailing labor rates provided by the Secretary of Labor. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within the period specified in the Schedule. (Note: Notice shall be given 30 days prior to contract completion.)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause--

"Agent" means any individual, including a director, an officer, an employee, or an independent Contractor, authorized to act on behalf of the organization.

"Full cooperation"--

- (1) Means disclosure to the Government of the information sufficient for law enforcement to identify the nature and extent of the offense and the individuals responsible for the conduct. It includes providing timely and complete response to Government auditors'' and investigators'' request for documents and access to employees with information;
- (2) Does not foreclose any Contractor rights arising in law, the FAR, or the terms of the contract. It does not require--
- (i) A Contractor to waive its attorney-client privilege or the protections afforded by the attorney work product doctrine; or
- (ii) Any officer, director, owner, or employee of the Contractor, including a sole proprietor, to waive his or her attorney client privilege or Fifth Amendment rights; and

(3) Does not restrict a Contractor from--

(i) Conducting an internal investigation; or

- (ii) Defending a proceeding or dispute arising under the contract or related to a potential or disclosed violation.
- "Principal" means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment; and similar positions).

"Subcontract" means any contract entered into by a subcontractor to furnish supplies or services for performance of a prime contract or a subcontract.

"Subcontractor" means any supplier, distributor, vendor, or firm that furnished supplies or services to or for a prime contractor or another subcontractor.

"United States," means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and outlying areas.

(b) Code of business ethics and conduct.

- (1) Within 30 days after contract award, unless the Contracting Officer establishes a longer time period, the Contractor shall--
  - (i) Have a written code of business ethics and conduct; and
  - (ii) Make a copy of the code available to each employee engaged in performance of the contract.

(2) The Contractor shall--

- (i) Exercise due diligence to prevent and detect criminal conduct; and
- (ii) Otherwise promote an organizational culture that encourages ethical conduct and a commitment to compliance with the law.

(3)

- (i) The Contractor shall timely disclose, in writing, to the agency Office of the Inspector General (OIG), with a copy to the Contracting Officer, whenever, in connection with the award, performance, or closeout of this contract or any subcontract thereunder, the Contractor has credible
- evidence that a principal, employee, agent, or subcontractor of the Contractor has committed-(A) A violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 of the United States Code; or
  (B) A violation of the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3733).
- (ii) The Government, to the extent permitted by law and regulation, will safeguard and treat information obtained pursuant to the Contractor?s disclosure as confidential where the information has been marked "confidential" or "proprietary" by the company. To the extent permitted by law and regulation, such information will not be released by the Government to the public pursuant to a Freedom of Information Act request, 5 U.S.C. Section 552, without prior notification to the Contractor. The Government may transfer documents provided by the Contractor to any department or agency within the Executive Branch if the information relates to matters within the organization?s jurisdiction.
- (iii) If the violation relates to an order against a Governmentwide acquisition contract, a multi-agency contract, a multiple-award schedule contract such as the Federal Supply Schedule, or any other procurement instrument intended for use by multiple agencies, the Contractor shall notify the OIG of the ordering agency and the IG of the agency responsible for the basic contract.
- (c) Business ethics awareness and compliance program and internal control system. This paragraph (c) does not apply if the Contractor has represented itself as a small business concern pursuant to the award of this contract or if this contract is for the acquisition of a commercial item as defined at FAR 2.101. The Contractor shall establish the following within 90 days after contract award, unless the Contracting Officer establishes a longer time period:

(1) An ongoing business ethics awareness and compliance program.

- (i) This program shall include reasonable steps to communicate periodically and in a practical manner the Contractor?s standards and procedures and other aspects of the Contractor?s business ethics awareness and compliance program and internal control system, by conducting effective training programs and otherwise disseminating information appropriate to an individual?s respective roles and responsibilities.
- (ii) The training conducted under this program shall be provided to the Contractor?s principals and employees, and as appropriate, the Contractor?s agents and subcontractors.

(2) An internal control system.

- (i) The Contractor?s internal control system shall--
- (A) Establish standards and procedures to facilitate timely discovery of improper conduct in connection with Government contracts; and
  - (B) Ensure corrective measures are promptly instituted and carried out.
  - (ii) At a minimum, the Contractor?s internal control system shall provide for the following:

- (A) Assignment of responsibility at a sufficiently high level and adequate resources to ensure effectiveness of the business ethics awareness and compliance program and internal control system.
- (B) Reasonable efforts not to include an individual as a principal, whom due diligence would have exposed as having engaged in conduct that is in conflict with the Contractor?s code of business ethics and conduct.
- (C) Periodic reviews of company business practices, procedures, policies, and internal controls for compliance with the Contractor?s code of business ethics and conduct and the special requirements of Government contracting, including--
  - (1) Monitoring and auditing to detect criminal conduct;
- (2) Periodic evaluation of the effectiveness of the business ethics awareness and compliance program and internal control system, especially if criminal conduct has been detected; and (3) Periodic assessment of the risk of criminal conduct, with appropriate steps to design,
- implement, or modify the business ethics awareness and compliance program and the internal control system as necessary to reduce the risk of criminal conduct identified through this process.
- (D) An internal reporting mechanism, such as a hotline, which allows for anonymity or confidentiality, by which employees may report suspected instances of improper conduct, and instructions that encourage employees to make such reports.
- (E) Disciplinary action for improper conduct or for failing to take reasonable steps to prevent or detect improper conduct.
- (F) Timely disclosure, in writing, to the agency OIG, with a copy to the Contracting Officer, whenever, in connection with the award, performance, or closeout of any Government contract performed by the Contractor or a subcontract thereunder, the Contractor has credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, or subcontractor of the Contractor has committed a violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 U.S.C. or a violation of the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3733).
- (1) If a violation relates to more than one Government contract, the Contractor may make the disclosure to the agency OIG and Contracting Officer responsible for the largest dollar value contract impacted by the violation.
- (2) If the violation relates to an order against a Governmentwide acquisition contract, a multi-agency contract, a multiple-award schedule contract such as the Federal Supply Schedule, or any other procurement instrument intended for use by multiple agencies, the contractor shall notify the OIG of the ordering agency and the IG of the agency responsible for the basic contract, and the respective agencies' contracting officers.
- (3) The disclosure requirement for an individual contract continues until at least 3 years after final payment on the contract.
- (4) The Government will safeguard such disclosures in accordance with paragraph (b)(3)(ii) of this clause.
- $\mbox{(G)}$  Full cooperation with any Government agencies responsible for  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 
  - (d) Subcontracts.
- (1) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in subcontracts that have a value in excess of \$5,000,000 and a performance period of more than 120 days.
- (2) In altering this clause to identify the appropriate parties, all disclosures of violation of the civil False Claims Act or of Federal criminal law shall be directed to the agency Office of the Inspector General, with a copy to the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

- H. 19 52.216-24 LIMITATION OF GOVERNMENT LIABILITY (APR 1984)
- (a) In performing this contract, the Contractor is not authorized to make expenditures or incur obligations exceeding Specified in each individual purchase order.
- (b) The maximum amount for which the Government shall be liable if this contract is terminated is Specified in each individual purchase order.

(End of Clause)

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# SECTION J LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

## J. 1 List of Attachments

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# SECTION K REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS

- K. 1 307-17a CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION (AUG 2007)
- (A) The contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant, by signing the form in this clause, certifies that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational or personal conflict of interest, (see FAR Subpart 9.5 for organizational conflicts of interest) (or apparent conflict of interest), for the organization or any of its staff, and that the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has disclosed all such relevant information if such a conflict of interest appears to exist to a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts (or if such a person would question the impartiality of the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant). Conflicts may arise in the following situations:
- 1. Unequal access to information # a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has access to non-public information through its performance on a government contract.
- 2. Biased ground rules # a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has worked, in one government contract, or program, on the basic structure or ground rules of another government contract,
- 3. Impaired objectivity # a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant, or member of their immediate family (spouse, parent or child) has financial or other interests that would impair, or give the appearance of impairing, impartial judgment in the evaluation of government programs, in offering advice or recommendations to the government, or in providing technical assistance or other services to recipients of Federal funds as part of its contractual responsibility.
  "Impaired objectivity" includes but is not limited to the following situations that would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts to question a person's objectivity: - financial interests or reasonably foreseeable financial interests in or in connection with products, property, or services that may be purchased by an educational agency, a person, organization, or institution in the course of implementing any program administered by the Department; - significant connections to teaching methodologies or approaches that might require or encourage the use of specific products, property or services; or - significant identification with pedagogical or philosophical viewpoints that might require or encourage the use of a specific curriculum, specific products, property or services. Offerors must provide the disclosure described above on any actual or potential conflict of interest (or apparent conflict of interest) regardless of their opinion that such a conflict or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) would not impair their objectivity. In a case in which an actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) is disclosed, the Department will take appropriate actions to eliminate or address the actual or potential conflict, including but not limited to mitigating or neutralizing the conflict, when appropriate, through such means as ensuring a balance of views, disclosure with the appropriate disclaimers, or by restricting or modifying the work to be performed to avoid or reduce the conflict. In this clause , the term "potential conflict" means reasonably foreseeable conflict of interest.
- (B) The contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant agrees that if "impaired objectivity", or an actual or potential conflict of interest (or apparent conflict of interest) is discovered after the award is made, it will make a full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer. This disclosure shall include a description of actions that the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Contracting Officer, to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest).
- (C) Remedies The Government may terminate this contract for convenience, in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. If the Contractor was aware of a potential conflict of interest prior to award or discovered an actual or potential conflict after award and did not disclose or misrepresented relevant information to the Contracting Officer, the Government may terminate the contract for default, or pursue such other remedies as may be permitted by law or this contract. These remedies include imprisonment for up to five years for violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1001 and fines of up to \$5000 for violation of Title 31, U.S. Code, Section 3802. Further remedies include suspension or debarment from contracting with the federal government. The Contractor may also be required to reimburse the Department for costs the Department incurs arising from activities related to conflicts of interest. An example of such costs would be those incurred in processing Freedom of Information Act requests related to a conflict of interest.

  (D) In cases where remedies short of termination have been applied, the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant agrees to eliminate the organizational conflict of interest, or mitigate it to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer.
- the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer.
  (E) The Contractor further agrees to insert in any subcontract or consultant agreement hereunder, provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including specific mention of potential remedies and this paragraph (E).

Conflict of Interest Certification

The Offeror, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hereby certifies that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no present or currently planned interests (financial, contractual, organizational, or otherwise) relating to the work to be performed under the contract or task order resulting from Request for Proposal No. \_\_\_\_\_\_ that would create any actual or potential conflict of interest (or apparent conflicts of interest) (including conflicts of interest for immediate family members: spouses, parents, children) that would impinge on its ability to render impartial, technically sound, and objective assistance or advice or result in it being given an unfair competitive advantage. In this clause, the term "potential conflict" means reasonably foreseeable conflict of interest. The Offeror

further certifies that it has and will continue to exercise due diligence in identifying and removing or mitigating, to the Government's satisfaction, such Conflict of Interest (or apparent conflict of interest).
Offeror's Name
RFP/Contract No
Signature
Title
Date
K. 2 52.223-13 CERTIFICATION OF TOXIC CHEMICAL RELEASE REPORTING (AUG 2003)
(a) Executive Order 13148, of April 21, 2000, Greening the Government through Leadership in Environmental Management, requires submission of this certification as a prerequisite for contract award.
(b) By signing this offer, the offeror certifies that—
(End of Provision)
K. 3 52.222-22 PREVIOUS CONTRACTS AND COMPLIANCE REPORTS (FEB 1999)
The offeror represents that (a) It /_/ has, /_/ has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; (b) It /_/ has, /_/ has not filed all required compliance reports; and (c) Representations indicating submission of required compliance reports, signed by proposed subcontractors, will be obtained before subcontract awards.
(End of Provision)

## K. 4 310-1 REPRESENTATION AUTHORITY (JANUARY 2005)

Based on a FAR change, specifically in reference to FAR clauses 52.204-8,

Annual Representations and Certifications, and 52.212-3, Offeror

Representations and Certifications - Commercial Items, vendors are required

to use the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA),  $\boldsymbol{a}$ 

new, web-based, Federal Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE) initiative that centralizes and standardizes the collection, storage and viewing of many of the representations and certifications required by the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and previously found in Section K. Vendors should go to http://orca.bpn.gov/ to complete the requirements of Section K of the solicitation. However, all FAR and ED clauses NOT in ORCA should still be completed.

The offeror makes the following Representations and Certifications as part of its proposal (check or complete all appropriate boxes or blanks on the following pages).

(Name of Offeror)	(RFP No.)
(Signature of Authorized Individual)	(Date)
(TYPED NAME OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL)	

Note: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

The Representations and Certifications must be executed by an individual authorized to bind the offeror.

K. 5 310-10 GENERAL FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION (APRIL 1984)
Offerors or quoters are requested to provide information regarding
the following items in sufficient detail to allow a full and
complete business evaluation. If the question indicated is not
applicable or the answer is none, it should be annotated. If the
offeror has previously submitted the information, it should
certify the validity of that data currently on file at ED or

(A)	Contractor's	Name:	

update all outdated information on file.

(B)	Address (If financial records are maintained at some other location, show the address of the place where the records are kept):
(C)	Talanhana Number:

))	Individual(s) to contact re	this proposal:					
:)	Cognizant Government:						
	Audit Agency:						
-	Address: Auditor:						
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	Government fixed-price pand subcontracts:	rime contracts	\$				
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	Total Sales for First Pred		\$				
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3)	Is company an ED rate entity	y or division?					
	If a division or subsidiary company:	corporation, name par					
I)	Date Company Organized:						
)	Manpower: Total Employees:						
	Direct:						
	Indirect:						
- \	Standard Work Week (Hours):						
Γ)	Commercial Products:						
٦)	Description of Contractor's accumulating costs under Gorappropriate blocks.)	vernment contracts.  Estimated/	(Check Standard				
	Estimating System Job Order	Actual Cost	Cost				
	Process						
	Accumulating System Job Order						
	Process						
	Has your cost estimating system been approved by any Government agency? Yes No  If yes, give name and location of agency:						
	Has your cost accumulation : Government agency? Yes If yes, give name and addres	No					
1)	What is your fiscal year per (Give month-to-month dates)	riod?					
	What were the indirect cost : fiscal year? Fiscal	_	_				
	Fiscal Year	Indirect Cost Rate	Basis Allocati				
	Fringe Benefits						
	Overhead						
	G&A Expense						
1)	Other Have the proposed indirect	cost rate(s) been eva	aluated and				
,	accepted by any Government of yes, name and location of	nt agency? Yes	No				
	Date of last pre-award audit						
<b>)</b>	(If the answer is no, data somust accompany the cost or puthe items comprising overhead cost estimating is performed.	price proposal. A br ad and G&A must be fo	ed rates reakdown of urnished.)				
•	Accounting Department:						
	Contracting Department:						

- (R) Does your firm have an established written incentive compensation or bonus plan? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### K. 6 310-16 POST EMPLOYMENT CONFLICT OF INTEREST (MARCH 1985)

The contractor certifies that in developing a proposal in response to the solicitation for this contract, it has not utilized the services of any former Education Department (ED) employee who, while working for the Government, participated personally and substantially in, or was officially responsible for, the development or drafting of the solicitation for this contract. The contractor further certifies that it did not utilize the services of such an ED employee in assisting or representing the offeror at negotiations for this contract.

### K. 7 310-6 DUPLICATION OF COST (MARCH 1985)

The offeror represents and certifies that any charges contemplated and included in its estimate of cost for performance are not duplicative of any charges against any other Government contract, subcontract, or other Government source.

### K. 8 313-3 COMPETITIVE BUSINESS MIX CERTIFICATION (APRIL 1995)

- (A) [ ] The offeror is in the developmental stage.
- (B) [ ] The offeror acknowledges that it is currently in the transition stage of 8(a) Program participation and certifies that it is compliance with the non 8(a) business activity targets established pursuant to 13 CFR 124.312(c).
- (C) [ ] The offeror certifies that it is in compliance with the remedial measures imposed by SBA, if any, pursuant to 13 CFR 124.312(c)(9) [Misrepresentation by falsely certifying to past compliance with the non-8(a) business activity targets established in the business
  - (1) Punishment by a fine of not more than \$500,000 or imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or both;
  - (2) The administrative remedies prescribed by the Program fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 USC 3801-3812);
  - (3) Suspension and debarment as specified in 13 CFR 145 of Subpart 9.4 of Title 48 Code of Federal Regulation (or any successor regulation) on the basis that such misrepresentation indicates a lack of business integrity that seriously and directly effects the present responsibility of a person or entity to transact business with the Federal Government; and
  - (4) Ineligibility for participation in any program or activity conducted under the authority of the Small Business Act of the Small Business Investment Act for a period of not to exceed 3 years.]

### K. 9 52.204-3 TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION (OCT 1998)

(a) "Definitions."

"Common parent," as used in this provision, means that corporate entity that owns or controls an affiliated group of corporations that files its Federal income tax returns on a consolidated basis, and of which the offeror is a member.

"Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)," as used in this provision, means the number required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be used by the offeror in reporting income tax and other returns.

The TIN may be either a Social Security Number or an Employer Identification Number.

(b) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (d) through (f) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the IRS. If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 4.904, the failure or refusal by the offeror to furnish the information may result in a 31 percent reduction of payments otherwise due under the contract.

(c) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

- (d) "Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)."

  - /\_/ TIN is not required because:
- /\_/ Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;
  - /\_/ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government; /\_/ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

  - (e) "Type of organization."
    - /\_/ Sole proprietorship; /\_/ Partnership;

    - /\_/ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);
      /\_/ Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

    - /\_/ Government entity (Federal, State, or local);
    - /\_/ Foreign government;
    - /\_/ International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;
  - /\_/ Other \_
  - (f) "Common parent."
- /\_/ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent as defined in paragraph (a) of this provision.

/\_/ Name and TIN of common parent:

Name \_\_ TIN \_

(End of Provision)

- 52.204-5 WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS (OTHER THAN SMALL BUSINESS) (MAY 1999) K. 10
- (a) "Definition." "Women-owned business concern," as used in this provision, means a concern that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.
- (b) "Representation." [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and has not represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b)(1) of FAR 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representations, of this solicitation.] The offeror represents that it o is a women-owned business concern.

(End of Provision)

- K. 11 52.204-6 DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (DUNS) NUMBER (APR 2008)
- (a) The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "DUNS" or "DUNS+4" followed by the DUNS number or "DUNS+4" that identifies the offeror''s name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The DUNS number is a nine-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. The DUNS+4 is the DUNS number plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned at the discretion of the offeror to establish additional CCR records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see Subpart 32.11) for the same concern.
- (b) If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one.
  - (1) An offeror may obtain a DUNS number--
- (i) Via the Internet at http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform or if the offeror does not have internet access, it may call Dun and Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711 if located within the United States; or
- (ii) If located outside the United States, by contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office. The offeror should indicate that it is an offeror the a U.S. Government contract when contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.

- (2) The offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:
  - (i) Company legal business name.
  - (ii) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.

  - (iii) Company physical street address, city, state and Zip Code.
    (iv) Company mailing address, city, state and Zip Code (if separate from physical).
  - (v) Company telephone number.
  - (vi) Date the company was started.
  - (vii) Number of employees at your location.
  - (viii) Chief executive officer/key manager.
  - (ix) Line of business (industry).
  - (x) Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).

(End of Provision)

#### K. 12 52.209-5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (DEC 2008)

(a)

- (1) The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that--
  - (i) The Offeror and/or any of its Principals--

(A) Are /\_/ are not /\_/ presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;

- (B) Have /\_/ have not /\_/, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property; and
- (C) Are /\_/ are not /\_/ presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision.
- (D) Have /\_/, have not /\_/, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000 for which the liability remains unsatisfied.
- (1) Federal taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:

  (i) The tax liability is finally determined. The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge to the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.
- (ii) The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment. A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.
  - (2) Examples.
- (i) The taxpayer has received a statutory notice of deficiency, under I.R.C. ?? 6212, which entitles the taxpayer to seek Tax Court review of a proposed tax deficiency. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek Tax Court review,
- this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

  (ii) The IRS has filed a notice of Federal tax lien with respect to an assessed tax liability, and the taxpayer has been issued a notice under I.R.C. ?? 6320 entitling the taxpayer to request a hearing with the IRS Office of Appeals contesting the lien filing, and to further appeal to the Tax Court if the IRS determines to sustain the lien filing. In the course of the hearing, the taxpayer is entitled to contest the underlying tax liability because the taxpayer has had no prior opportunity to contest the liability. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek tax court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.
- (iii) The taxpayer has entered into an installment agreement pursuant to I.R.C. ?? 6159. The taxpayer is making timely payments and is in full compliance with the agreement terms. The taxpayer is not delinquent because the taxpayer is not currently required to make full payment.

- (iv) The taxpayer has filed for bankruptcy protection. The taxpayer is not delinquent
  because enforced collection action is stayed under 11 U.S.C. 362 (the Bankruptcy Code).
  (ii) The Offeror has /\_/ has not /\_/, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any Federal agency.
- (2) "Principal," for the purposes of this certification, means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment; and similar positions).

This Certification Concerns a Matter Within the Jurisdiction of an Agency of the United States and the Making of a False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Certification May Render the Maker Subject to

- Prosecution Under Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code.

  (b) The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or
- has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

  (c) A certification that any of the items in paragraph (a) of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, the certification will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror?s responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the

Contracting Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.

(d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

(e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

(End of Provision)

#### K. 13 52.215-6 PLACE OF PERFORMANCE (OCT 1997)

(a) The offeror or respondent, in the performance of any contract resulting from this solicitation, /\_/ intends, /\_/ does not intend to use one or more plants or facilities located at a different address from the address of the offeror or respondent as indicated in this proposal or response to request for information.

(b) If the offeror or respondent checks "intends" in paragraph (a) of this provision, it shall insert in the following spaces the required information:

Place of Performance (Street Address, City, State, County, Zip Code)	Name and Address of Owner and Operator of the Plant or Facility if Other than Offeror or Respondent

(End of Provision)

### K. 14 52.219-1 SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM REPRESENTATIONS (MAY 2004)

(a)

- (1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 611710
- (2) The small business size standard is \$7,000,000
- (3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.
  - (b) Representations.
- (1) The offeror represents as part of its offer that it  $\ /\_/\ is$ ,  $\ /\_/\ is$  not a small business concern.
- (2) The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it  $/\_/$  is,  $/\_/$  is not, a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.
- (3) The offeror represents as part of its offer that it  $\ /\_/\$ is,  $\ /\_/\$ is not a women-owned small business concern.
- (4) The offeror represents as part of its offer that it  $/\_/$  is,  $/\_/$  is not a veteran-owned small business concern.
- (5) The offeror represents as part of its offer that it  $\ /\_/\$ is,  $\ /\_/\$ is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.
  - (6) The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that--
- (i) It /\_/ is, /\_/ is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR part 126; and
- (ii) It  $/\_/$  is,  $/\_/$  is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 126, and the representation in paragraph (b)(6)(i) of this provision is accurate for the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name or names of the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture:\_\_\_\_\_\_.] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.
  - (c) Definitions. As used in this provision--
  - "Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern"--
    - (1) Means a small business concern--
- (i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by

one or more service-disabled veterans; and

- (ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.
- (2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is  $\ensuremath{\text{service-connected}}, \ensuremath{\text{as defined in 38 U.S.C. }} 101(16).$
- "Small business concern" means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and the size standard in paragraph (a) of this provision.

"Veteran-owned small business concern" means a small business concern--

- (1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and
- (2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

"Women-owned small business concern" means a small business concern--

- (1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and
  - (2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

- (1) If this solicitation is for supplies and has been set aside, in whole or in part, for small business concerns, then the clause in this solicitation providing notice of the set-aside contains restrictions on the source of the end items to be furnished.
- (2) Under 15 U.S.C. 645(d), any person who misrepresents a firm's status as a small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, or women-owned small business concern in order to obtain a contract to be awarded under the preference programs established pursuant to section 8(a), 8(d), 9, or 15 of the Small Business Act or any other provision of Federal law that specifically references section 8(d) for a definition of program eligibility, shall--

(i) Be punished by imposition of fine, imprisonment, or both;

- (ii) Be subject to administrative remedies, including suspension and debarment; and
- (iii) Be ineligible for participation in programs conducted under the authority of the Act.

(End of Provision)

#### K. 15 52.219-22 SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS STATUS (OCT 1999)

(a) 'General." This provision is used to assess an offeror's small disadvantaged business status for the purpose of obtaining a benefit on this solicitation. Status as a small business and status as a small disadvantaged business for general statistical purposes is covered by the provision at FAR 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representation.

(b) Representations.

- (1) "General." The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a small business under the size standard applicable to this acquisition; and either--
- /\_/ (i) It has received certification by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern consistent with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B; and
- (A) No material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification;
- (B) Where the concern is owned by one or more disadvantaged individuals, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed  $\bar{\$}750,000$  after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and

(C) It is identified, on the date of its representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net); or

- $/\_/$  (ii) It has submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material age in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.
- (2) /\_/ "For Joint Ventures." The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a joint venture that complies with the requirements at 13 CFR 124.1002(f) and that the representation in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision is accurate for the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture:
- (c) "Penalties and Remedies." Anyone who misrepresents any aspects of the disadvantaged status of a concern for the purposes of securing a contract or subcontract shall--

(1) Be punished by imposition of a fine, imprisonment, or both;

- (2) Be subject to administrative remedies, including suspension and debarment; and (3) Be ineligible for participation in programs conducted under the authority of the Small Business Act.

(End of Provision)

K. 16 52.222-25 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE (APR 1984) The offeror represents that--

- (a) It  $/_/$  has developed and has on file,  $/_/$  has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1 and 60-2); or
- (b) It  $/_/$  has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.

(End of Provision)

### K. 17 52.227-15 REPRESENTATION OF LIMITED RIGHTS DATA AND RESTRICTED COMPUTER SOFTWARE (DEC 2007)

- (a) This solicitation sets forth the Government''s known delivery requirements for data (as defined in the clause at 52.227-14, Rights in Data--General). Any resulting contract may also provide the Government the option to order additional data under the Additional Data Requirements clause at 52.227-16, if included in the contract. Any data delivered under the resulting contract will be subject to the Rights in Data--General clause at 52.227-14 included in this contract. Under the latter clause, a Contractor may withhold from delivery data that qualify as limited rights data or restricted computer software, and deliver form, fit, and function data instead. The latter clause also may be used with its Alternates II and/or III to obtain delivery of limited rights data or restricted computer software, marked with limited rights or restricted rights notices, as appropriate. In addition, use of Alternate V with this latter clause provides the Government the right to inspect such data at the Contractor''s facility.
- (b) By completing the remainder of this paragraph, the offeror represents that it has reviewed the requirements for the delivery of technical data or computer software and states [offeror check appropriate block]--
  - /\_\_/ (1) None of the data proposed for fulfilling the data delivery requirements qualifies as limited rights data or restricted computer software; or
  - /\_\_/ (2) Data proposed for fulfilling the data delivery requirements
     qualify as limited rights data or restricted computer software
     and are identified as follows:
- (c) Any identification of limited rights data or restricted computer software in the offeror's response is not determinative of the status of the data should a contract be awarded to the offeror.

(End of provision)

### K. 18 52.230-1 COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NOTICES AND CERTIFICATION (OCT 2008)

Note: This notice does not apply to small businesses or foreign governments. This notice is in three parts, identified by Roman numerals I through III.

Offerors shall examine each part and provide the requested information in order to determine Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) requirements applicable to any resultant contract.

If the offeror is an educational institution, Part II does not apply unless the contemplated contract will be subject to full or modified CAS coverage pursuant to 48 CFR 9903.201-2(c)(5) or 9903.201-2(c)(6), respectively.

- I. Disclosure Statement-Cost Accounting Practices and Certification
- (a) Any contract in excess of \$650,000 resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the requirements of the Cost Accounting Standards Board (48 CFR Chapter 99), except for those contracts which are exempt as specified in 48 CFR 9903.201-1.
- (b) Any offeror submitting a proposal which, if accepted, will result in a contract subject to the requirements of 48 CFR Chapter 99 must, as a condition of contracting, submit a Disclosure Statement as required by 48 CFR 9903.202. When required, the Disclosure Statement must be submitted as a part of the offeror?s proposal under this solicitation unless the offeror has already submitted a Disclosure Statement disclosing the practices used in connection with the pricing of this proposal. If an applicable Disclosure Statement has already been submitted, the offeror may satisfy the requirement for submission by providing the information requested in paragraph (c) of Part I of this provision.

Caution: In the absence of specific regulations or agreement, a practice disclosed in a Disclosure Statement shall not, by virtue of such disclosure, be deemed to be a proper, approved, or agreed-to practice for pricing proposals or accumulating and reporting contract performance cost data.

- (c) Check the appropriate box below:
- /\_/ (1) "Certificate of Concurrent Submission of Disclosure Statement." The offeror hereby certifies that, as a part of the offer, copies of the Disclosure Statement have been submitted as follows:
- (i) Original and one copy to the cognizant Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) or cognizant Federal agency official authorized to act in that capacity (Federal official), as applicable; and
  - (ii) One copy to the cognizant Federal auditor.
- (Disclosure must be on Form No. CASB DS-1 or CASB DS-2, as applicable. Forms may be obtained from the cognizant ACO or Federal official and/or from the loose-leaf version of the Federal Acquisition

Regulation.)		
Date of Disclosure Statement:		
Name and Address of Cognizant	ACO or Federal Official Where	Filed:
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The offeror further certifies that the practices used in estimating costs in pricing this proposal are consistent with the cost accounting practices disclosed in the Disclosure Statement. /\_/ (2) "Certificate of Previously Submitted Disclosure Statement." The offeror hereby certifies

that the required Disclosure Statement was filed as follows:

Date of Disclosure Statement:

Name and Address of Cognizant ACO or Federal Official

The offeror further certifies that the practices used in estimating costs in pricing this proposal are consistent with the cost accounting practices disclosed in the applicable Disclosure Statement. /\_/ (3) "Certificate of Monetary Exemption." The offeror hereby certifies that the offeror,

together with all divisions, subsidiaries, and affiliates under common control, did not receive net awards of negotiated prime contracts and subcontracts subject to CAS totaling \$50 million or more in the cost accounting period immediately preceding the period in which this proposal was submitted. The offeror further certifies that if such status changes before an award resulting from this proposal, the offeror will advise the Contracting Officer immediately.

/\_/ (4) "Certificate of Interim Exemption." The offeror hereby certifies that (i) the offeror first exceeded the monetary exemption for disclosure, as defined in (3) of this subsection, in the cost accounting period immediately preceding the period in which this offer was submitted and (ii) in accordance with 48 CFR 9903.202-1, the offeror is not yet required to submit a Disclosure Statement. The offeror further certifies that if an award resulting from this proposal has not been made within 90 days after the end of that period, the offeror will immediately submit a revised certificate to the Contracting Officer, in the form specified under paragraph (c)(1) or (c)(2) of Part I of this provision, as appropriate, to verify submission of a completed Disclosure Statement.

Caution: Offerors currently required to disclose because they were awarded a CAS-covered prime contract or subcontract of \$50 million or more in the current cost accounting period may not claim this exemption (4). Further, the exemption applies only in connection with proposals submitted before expiration of the 90-day period following the cost accounting period in which the monetary exemption

was exceeded.

II. Cost Accounting Standards-Eligibility for Modified Contract Coverage

If the offeror is eligible to use the modified provisions of 48 CFR 9903.201-2(b) and elects to do so, the offeror shall indicate by checking the box below. Checking the box below shall mean that the resultant contract is subject to the Disclosure and Consistency of Cost Accounting Practices clause in lieu of the Cost Accounting Standards clause.

/\_/ The offeror hereby claims an exemption from the Cost Accounting Standards clause under the provisions of 48 CFR 9903.201-2(b) and certifies that the offeror is eligible for use of the Disclosure and Consistency of Cost Accounting Practices clause because during the cost accounting period immediately preceding the period in which this proposal was submitted, the offeror received less than \$50 million in awards of CAS-covered prime contracts and subcontracts. The offeror further certifies that if such status changes before an award resulting from this proposal, the offeror will

advise the Contracting Officer immediately.

Caution: An offeror may not claim the above eligibility for modified contract coverage if this proposal is expected to result in the award of a CAS-covered contract of \$50 million or more or if, during its current cost accounting period, the offeror has been awarded a single CAS-covered prime contract or subcontract of \$50 million or more.

III. Additional Cost Accounting Standards Applicable to

Existing Contracts

The offeror shall indicate below whether award of the contemplated contract would, in accordance with paragraph (a)(3) of the Cost Accounting Standards clause, require a change in established cost accounting practices affecting existing contracts and subcontracts. /\_/ yes /\_/ no

(End of Provision)

# SECTION L INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

### L. 1 307-1 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE (SOLICITATION) (NOVEMBER 1986)

Any inconsistency in this solicitation shall be resolved by giving

precedence in the following order:

- (a) the Schedule (excluding the work statement or specification),
- (b) representations and other instructions,
- (c) contract clauses (Section I)
- (d) any incorporated documents, exhibits, or attachments, excluding the work statement or specifications, and
- (e) work statement or specifications.

### L. 2 307-11 COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS APPLICATION (JUNE 1992)

The contract clause entitled "Cost Accounting Standards" shall apply to any resulting contract, except as exempted under Section 9903.201-1(b) of 48 CFR (CAS) Chapter 99 or when the contract is eligible for modified coverage under Section 9903.201-2(b) of the same Regulation.

The clause entitled "Disclosure and Consistency of Cost Accounting Practices" shall apply in the latter case.

#### L. 3 308-1 NOTICE ABOUT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS (FEB 2006)

(a) Applicable Regulations. Any research activities under this proposed contract involving human subjects are governed by Department of Education (ED) regulations for the protection of human subjects in research, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97 (hereafter, "the regulations"). The regulations require contractors and other entities involved in covered (nonexempt) research activities to establish and maintain procedures for the protection of human subjects. Copies of the regulations and related information on the protection of human research subjects are available on ED's Protection of Human Subjects in Research Web Site at http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocfo/humansub.html and from the Department's Protection of Human Subjects Coordinator, at the address shown below. (b) Definitions. (1) The regulations define research as "a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge." (If an activity follows a deliberate plan whose purpose is to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge, such as an exploratory study or the collection of data to test a hypothesis, it is research.) It includes activities that meet this definition, whether or not they are conducted under a program considered "research" for other purposes [34 CFR 97.102(d)]. (2) The regulations define human subject as "a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains data through intervention or interaction with the individual or obtains identifiable private information" [34 CFR 97.102(f)(1)]. The definition of human subjects is met if an activity involves obtaining-- (A) information about a living person by-- (i) manipulating that person's environment, as might occur when a new instructional technique is tested, or (ii) communicating or interacting with the individual, as occurs with surveys and interviews; or (B) private information about a living person in such a way that the information can be linked to that individual (the identity of the subject is or may be readily determined by the investigator or associated with the information). [Private information includes information about behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, and information which has been provided for specific purposes by an individual and which an individual can reasonably expect will not be made public (for example, a school health record).] (c) Exemptions. The regulations provide exemptions from coverage for activities in which the only involvement of human subjects will be in one or more of the categories set forth in 34 CFR 97.101(b)(1-6). However, if the research subjects are children, the exemption at 34 CFR 97.101(b)(2)(i.e., research involving use of educational tests, survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior) is modified by 34 CFR 97.401(b), as explained in paragraph (d) below. Many types of research conducted on behalf of ED's National Center for Education Statistics are exempt under 34 CFR 97.101(b)(3)(ii), since the National Education Statistics Act prohibits disclosure of any individually identifiable information. (d) Children as research subjects. Paragraph 34 CFR 97.402(a) of the regulations defines children as "persons who have not attained the legal age for consent to treatments or procedures involved in the research, under the applicable law of the jurisdiction in which the research will be conducted." Paragraph 34 CFR 97.401(b) of the regulations provides that, if the research involves children as subjects-- (1) The exemption at 34 CFR 97.101(b)(2) does not apply to activities involving-- (A) survey or interview procedures involving children as subjects, or (B) observations of public behavior of children in which the investigator(s) will participate in the activities being observed. (2) The exemption at 34 CFR 97.101(b)(2) continues to apply, unmodified by 34 CFR 97.401(b), to-- (A) educational tests, and (B) observations of public behavior in which the investigator(s) will not participate in the activities being observed. (e) Proposal Instructions. An offeror proposing to do research that involves human subjects must provide information to ED on the proposed exempt and nonexempt activities. The offeror should submit this information as an attachment to its technical proposal. No specific page limitation applies to this requirement, but the offeror should be brief and to the point. (1) For exempt research activities involving human subjects, the offeror should identify the exemption(s) that applies and provide sufficient information to allow ED to determine that the designated exemption(s) is appropriate. (2) For covered research activities involving human subjects (whether conducted at the offeror's site or elsewhere), the offeror should identify the organizations

(i.e., legally separate entities) that will be involved in the research activities to allow ED to: (A) Determine the identity of the entities that need to submit Assurances and Certifications; (B) Evaluate the adequacy of the proposed Institutional Review Board(s) in light of the research subjects likely to be involved; and (C) Evaluate the appropriateness of the initial and continuing Institutional Review Board review procedures in consideration of the risks to subjects. (3) If a reasonable potential exists that a need to conduct research involving human subjects may be identified after award of the contract and the offeror's proposal contains no definite plans for such research: (A) The offeror should briefly describe the circumstances and nature of the potential research involving human subjects. (B) If the offeror believes that an exemption is likely to apply, the offeror should identify the exemption and explain why it would apply. (C) The offeror's proposal should allow adequate time to obtain and submit an Assurance of Compliance and a Certification of Institutional Review Board (IRB) review for any potential covered research that may be identified after award. Offerors are cautioned that no human subjects may be involved in covered research until the research has been reviewed and approved by the IRB and the contractor has submitted to ED an acceptable Assurance and a Certification of IRB review. (f) Assurances and Certifications. (1) For an offeror reasonably likely to receive an award, if ED determines that proposed research activities involving human subjects are covered (i.e., not exempt) under the regulations, the contracting officer will request the offeror to file an acceptable Assurance of Compliance with the regulations and provide Certification of IRB review and approval of the proposed project. In lieu of a new Assurance, ED will accept a current Multiple Project Assurance on file with the Office for Protection from Research Risks, Department of Health and Human Services, if ED determines that the Multiple Project Assurance is appropriate to the proposed covered research activity. Offerors reasonably likely to receive an award and proposing to do research that is covered by the regulations will be contacted by ED and given detailed instructions on filing the Assurances and Certifications. (2) In accordance with 34 CFR 97, all subcontractors and any other legally separate entity (neither owned nor operated by the offeror) that will be engaged in covered research activities shall be required to have an Assurance on file and to provide to ED Certification of IRB review and approval. (3) The offeror is responsible for ensuring that it and the other entities submit the required documents to ED in a timely manner. Although an offeror does not need to submit an Assurance of Compliance or a Certification of Institutional Review Board (IRB) review with its initial proposal, the offeror should be prepared to obtain and provide these documents promptly upon request. Failure to submit the documents in a timely manner may result in deferral of an award or award to another offeror.

(g) Offerors may contact ED's Protection of Human Subjects Coordinator to obtain information about the regulations for the protection of human subjects and related policies and guidelines.

Office of the Chief Financial Officer Grants Policy and Oversight Staff Washington, D. C. 20202-4250

Telephone: (202) 245-6120

### L. 4 311-17 ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION FOR PROPOSAL FOR

ADP SECURITY COMPLIANCE (FEBRUARY 1988)

Potential offerors are directed to the security requirements under the clause entitled "Information Technology System Security

Requirements", ED 307-13. Technical proposals must include a separately detailed plan for meeting these requirements, including any necessary

subcontract applications. Submission of these plans shall serve as

certifications of the offerors' full intent for compliance.

### L. 5 Type of Agreement

The Government contemplates award of a blanket purchase agreement with work authorized by fixed price purchase orders. Each BPA will belong to a pool within the ED-SAT program, and requirements fitting the description of a pool will be competed among all BPA holders within that pool.

### L. 6 General Instructions

Specific instructions for the preparation of proposals can be found in Attachment B: Evaluation Criteria, and Attachment C: Instructions to Offerors.

Please note that the ED-SAT program will initially consist of three distinct pools, as defined in the Performance Work Statement. An offeror must submit a \*\*\*distinct\*\*\* complete proposal (i.e., Past Performance Report, Technical Proposal, Price Proposal, and completed section K certifications) for \*\*\*each\*\*\* pool for which they would like to be considered for award of a BPA.

Each of the parts of a proposal shall be separate and complete in itself so that evaluation of one may be accomplished independently of evaluation of the other. The technical proposal must not contain cost information; however, resource information, such as data concerning labor hours and categories, materials, subcontracts, etc., must be contained in the technical proposal so that your understanding

of the scope of the work may be evaluated.

The proposal must be signed by an individual authorized to bind your organization. You must submit an original of the Past Performance Report, Technical Proposal, Price Proposal and completed Section K certifications, an electronic copy of each, and ten (10) copies of the Past Performance Report, Technical Proposal, and Price Proposal for each complete proposal to:

Jeremy McCrary ED-SAT Competition U.S. Department of Education Contracts and Acquisition Management 550 12th Street, SW Washington DC, 20202

Hand-carried proposals must be delivered to the above address. At the Guard's Desk, Offerors are directed to call Jeremy McCrary at (202)245-6482, Jason Wilson at (202)245-6527, Sylvia Reid at (202)245-6214, or Deila Johnson at (202)245-6183.

### L. 7 311-5 FORMS CLEARANCE PROCESS (MARCH 1986)

Reference is made to the General Provision entitled "Paperwork Reduction Act." If the contractor has proposed the use of any plan, questionnaire, interview guide or other similar device which calls either for answers to identical questions from ten or more persons other than Federal employees or information from Federal employees which is outside the scope of their employment, any of which is to be used by the Federal Government or disclosed to third parties, clearances from the Deputy Under Secretary for Management or his/her delegate within the Department of Education and the Office of Management and Budget shall first be obtained. Those should be expected to take at least 120 days together. Offerors' proposals shall accordingly reflect that 120 day period in proposal timelines if the Paperwork Reduction Act is applicable.

### L. 8 311-6 CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS (APRIL 1998)

Offerors must submit all clarification questions concerning this solicitation in writing to the contract specialist. Questions may be submitted via E-Mail, fax or regular mail to:

Jeremy McCrary, 550 12th St., SW, Washington DC 20202, Jeremy.McCrary@ed.gov AND Jason Wilson, 550 12th St., SW, Washington DC 20202, Jason.Wilson@ed.gov ED will accept clarification questions until October 13, 2009. After this date ED does not guarantee that a response will be given.

Oral explanations or instructions given by the Government before the award of the contract(s) shall not be binding. Any information given to a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective offerors as an amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary in submitting offers or if a lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective offerors.

### L. 9 311-7 PROVISION FOR EVALUATION FACTOR AMENDMENTS (MARCH 1986)

It is hereby provided that the evaluation factors for award under Section M herein shall not be modified except by a formal amendment to this solicitation and that no factors other than those set forth in that section shall be used in the evaluation of the technical proposals.

L. 10 52.215-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS--COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION (JAN 2004)

(a) "Definitions." As used in this provision--

"Discussions" are negotiations that occur after establishment of the competitive range that may, at the Contracting Officer's discretion, result in the offeror being allowed to revise its proposal.

"In writing," "writing," or "written" means any worded or numbered expression that can be read, reproduced, and later communicated, and includes electronically transmitted and stored information.

"Proposal modification" is a change made to a proposal before the solicitation's closing date and time, or made in response to an amendment, or made to correct a mistake at any time before award.

"Proposal revision" is a change to a proposal made after the solicitation closing date, at the

request of or as allowed by a Contracting Officer as the result of negotiations.

"Time," if stated as a number of days, is calculated using calendar days, unless otherwise specified, and will include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. However, if the last day falls on

a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the period shall include the next working day.

(b) "Amendments to solicitations." If this solicitation is amended, all terms and conditions that are not amended remain unchanged. Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation by the date and time specified in the amendment(s).

(c) "Submission, modification, revision, and withdrawal of proposals."

(1) Unless other methods (e.g., electronic commerce or facsimile) are permitted in the solicitation, proposals and modifications to proposals shall be submitted in paper media in sealed envelopes or packages

(i) addressed to the office specified in the solicitation, and

- (ii) showing the time and date specified for receipt, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror. Offerors using commercial carriers should ensure that the proposal is marked on the outermost wrapper with the information in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (c)(1)(ii) of this provision.
  - (2) The first page of the proposal must show--

(i) The solicitation number;

- (ii) The name, address, and telephone and facsimile numbers of the offeror (and electronic address if available);
- (iii) A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and agreement to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item;
- $(\bar{i}v)$  Names,  $\bar{t}itles$ , and telephone and facsimile numbers (and electronic addresses if available) of persons authorized to negotiate on the offeror's behalf with the Government in connection with this solicitation; and
- (v) Name, title, and signature of person authorized to sign the proposal. Proposals signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the issuing office.

(3) "Submission, modification, revision, and withdrawal of proposals."

- (i) Offerors are responsible for submitting proposals, and any modifications or revisions, so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office on the date that proposal or revision is due.

  (ii)
- (A) Any proposal, modification, or revision received at the Government office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is "late" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the acquisition; and--

(1) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals; or

(2) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt of offers; or

(3) It is the only proposal received.

- (B) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful proposal that makes its terms more favorable to the Government, will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.
- (iii) Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the proposal wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.

  (iv) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that
- (iv) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that proposals cannot be received at the office designated for receipt of proposals by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation, the time specified for receipt of proposals will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes

resume.

(v) Proposals may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before award. Oral proposals in response to oral solicitations may be withdrawn orally. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile proposals, proposals may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before award, subject to the conditions specified in the provision at 52.215-5, Facsimile Proposals. Proposals may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or an authorized representative, if the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the proposal before award.

(4) Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, the offeror may propose to provide any item or

combination of items.

- (5) Offerors shall submit proposals in response to this solicitation in English, unless otherwise permitted by the solicitation, and in U.S. dollars, unless the provision at FAR 52.225-17, Evaluation of Foreign Currency Offers, is included in the solicitation.
- (6) Offerors may submit modifications to their proposals at any time before the solicitation closing date and time, and may submit modifications in response to an amendment, or to correct a mistake at any time before award.

(7) Offerors may submit revised proposals only if requested or allowed by the Contracting Officer.

(8) Proposals may be withdrawn at any time before award. Withdrawals are effective upon receipt of

notice by the Contracting Officer.

- (d) "Offer expiration date." Proposals in response to this solicitation will be valid for the number of days specified on the solicitation cover sheet (unless a different period is proposed by the offeror).
- (e) "Restriction on disclosure and use of data." Offerors that include in their proposals data that they do not want disclosed to the public for any purpose, or used by the Government except for evaluation purposes, shall--

(1) Mark the title page with the following legend:

This proposal includes data that shall not be disclosed outside the Government and shall not be duplicated, used, or disclosed-in whole or in part-for any purpose other than to evaluate this proposal. If, however, a contract is awarded to this offeror as a result of-or in connection with-the submission of this data, the Government shall have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent provided in the resulting contract. This restriction does not limit the Government's right to use information contained in this data if it is obtained from another source without restriction. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets [insert numbers or other identification of sheets]; and

(2) Mark each sheet of data it wishes to restrict with the following legend:

Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this proposal.
 (f) "Contract award."

- (1) The Government intends to award a contract or contracts resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror(s) whose proposal(s) represents the best value after evaluation in accordance with the factors and subfactors in the solicitation.
  - (2) The Government may reject any or all proposals if such action is in the Government's interest.

(3) The Government may waive informalities and minor irregularities in proposals received.

(4) The Government intends to evaluate proposals and award a contract without discussions with offerors (except clarifications as described in FAR 15.306(a)). Therefore, the offeror's initial proposal should contain the offeror's best terms from a cost or price and technical standpoint. The Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if the Contracting Officer later determines them to be necessary. If the Contracting Officer determines that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the Contracting Officer may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals.

(5) The Government reserves the right to make an award on any item for a quantity less than the quantity offered, at the unit cost or prices offered, unless the offeror specifies otherwise in the

proposal.

(6) The Government reserves the right to make multiple awards if, after considering the additional administrative costs, it is in the Government's best interest to do so.

(7) Exchanges with offerors after receipt of a proposal do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by the Government.

(8) The Government may determine that a proposal is unacceptable if the prices proposed are materially unbalanced between line items or subline items. Unbalanced pricing exists when, despite an acceptable total evaluated price, the price of one or more contract line items is significantly overstated or understated as indicated by the application of cost or price analysis techniques. A proposal may be rejected if the Contracting Officer determines that the lack of balance poses an unacceptable risk to the Government.

(9) If a cost realism analysis is performed, cost realism may be considered by the source selection

authority in evaluating performance or schedule risk.

- (10) A written award or acceptance of proposal mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time specified in the proposal shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.
- (11) If a post-award debriefing is given to requesting offerors, the Government shall disclose the following information, if applicable:
- (i) The agency's evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed offeror's offer.
- (ii) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful and the debriefed offeror and past performance information on the debriefed offeror.
- (iii) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.
  - (iv) A summary of the rationale for award.
- (v) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror

(vi) Reasonable responses to relevant questions posed by the debriefed offeror as to whether source-selection procedures set forth in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed by the agency.

(End of Provision)

### L. 11 52.232-38 SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER INFORMATION WITH OFFER (MAY 1999)

The offeror shall provide, with its offer, the following information that is required to make payment by electronic funds transfer (EFT) under any contract that results from this solicitation. This submission satisfies the requirement to provide EFT information under paragraphs (b)(1) and (j) of the clause at 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--Other than Central Contractor Registration.

- (1) The solicitation number (or other procurement identification number).
- (2) The offeror's name and remittance address, as stated in the offer.
- (3) The signature (manual or electronic, as appropriate), title, and telephone number of the offeror's official authorized to provide this information.
  - (4) The name, address, and 9-digit Routing Transit Number of the offeror's financial agent.
  - (5) The offeror's account number and the type of account (checking, savings, or lockbox).
- (6) If applicable, the Fedwire Transfer System telegraphic abbreviation of the offeror's financial agent.
- (7) If applicable, the offeror shall also provide the name, address, telegraphic abbreviation, and 9-digit Routing Transit Number of the correspondent financial institution receiving the wire transfer payment if the offeror's financial agent is not directly on-line to the Fedwire and, therefore, not the receiver of the wire transfer payment.

(End of Provision)

### L. 12 52.233-2 SERVICE OF PROTEST (SEP 2006)

(a) Protests, as defined in section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the General Accountability Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from Slyvia Reid

(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

(End of Provision)

# SECTION M EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

### M. 1 Evaluation Factors for Award

The Government will evaluate small businesses separately from large businesses; however, all offerors will be evaluated against the same evaluation criteria.

The Government will make award to the responsible offeror(s) whose offer conforms to the solicitation, has no deficiencies (as defined in FAR 15.301), and is most advantageous to the Government, cost or price and other factors considered. For specific details regarding evaluation criteria, see Attachment B: Evaluation Criteria.